Setting up a branch of Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management at Hyderabad

3622. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether request has been received to set up a branch of the Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management at Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, due to constraint on resources the State Government was advised to set up the chapter under their State Plan.

Funds given for celeberating 50 years of Republic

3623. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY:

SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Culture (Vigyan Bhavan Annexe) had been giving funds to several organisations during 50 years celebrations of Republic and other celebrations of National Level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that several lakhs rupees were advanced to Government and Non-Government functionaries as travelling allowance;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether during the last two years there had been gross misuse of Government vehicles; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) For commemoration of